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Applicants: MAKINO et al EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
Serial No.: 10/656,334 BOX AF
Filed: September 8, 2003
For: Vacuum Processing Apparatus
Art Unit: 1763
Examiner: K. Moore

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Commissioner For Patents
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January 10, 2006

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2005. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.